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RESPONSE

The courtesies extended to applicant's representative during the interview on April 9, 2004 are acknowledged with great appreciation.

Claims 1, 4 and 15-21 are pending in the application. The method claims, claims 15-19, were indicated as being allowable in the Office Action. The product claims, claims 1, 4 and 20-21, were rejected as being drawn to non-statutory matter. This rejection is respectfully traversed and is believed to be obviated in view of the foregoing clarification amendments and the following remarks.

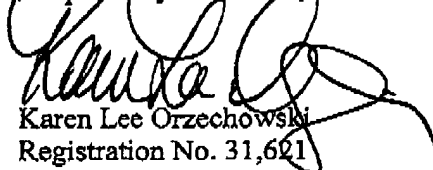
The claims of the application have been amended in accordance with the discussion with the Examiner so as to clarify that the urine is from only two whitetailed deer does in estrus and that it is collected from a single urine gathering stall using the specified method. In other words, the product claims have been amended to product-by-process claims.

As discussed in the interview, these claims are clearly drawn to statutory subject matter and thus are allowable over the current art of record.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 4, 20-21 is respectfully urged and allowance of the claims and issuance of a patent thereto is earnestly solicited.

If there are any further questions, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned. All correspondence should continue to be directed to the correspondence address of record.

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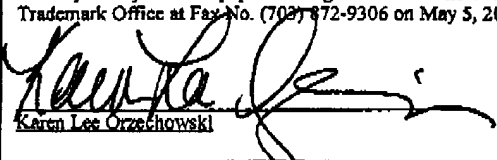
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